

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 17-36 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed subject matter is directed to a graphics decoder, included in a reproduction apparatus, operable to decode a first graphics data included in a graphics stream so as to obtain a second graphics data which is to be combined with the moving picture, and the graphics decoder includes graphics controller and an object buffer storing the second graphics data; wherein the graphics stream includes one of more Display sets; a leading Display set among the one or more Display Sets is of an Epoch Start type; the leading Display Set of the Epoch Start type includes the first graphics data and window information indicating a size and position of a window, the window being a bounded area for a display on a plane memory; and when rendering a part of the second graphics data which is stored in the object buffer, the window information indicates the graphics controller to render the part of the second graphics data in the object buffer within the window on the plane memory while refraining from rendering the other part of the second graphics data in the object buffer outside of the window on the plane memory. The prior art failed to show the claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIZE MA whose telephone number is (571)270-3709. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30-5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xiao M. Wu can be reached on 571-272-7761. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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